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1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, BELGIAN PERMDEL OFFICIAL (DE BELDER) COMMENTED ON THE COMMISSION'S STUDY OF THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS FOR PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT. DE BELDER INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS YET TO GET BEYOND INITIAL STAGES OF DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSALS. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION PAPER RECENTLY CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL'S CSCE WORKING GROUP (REFTEL A) HAD NO FORMAL STANDING AND REPRESENTED ONLY "PRELIMINARY" AND "PERSONAL" VIEWS OF WORKING LEVEL COMMISSION OFFICIALS. THE COMMISSION HAS PROMISED TO PRODUCE FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL BY EARLY JANUARY.

2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER,
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RICHARDSON OF COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES' STAFF INDICATED THAT "PRELIMINARY" PAPER TOOK A NEGATIVE POSITION TOWARD THE ENERGY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, ON THE GROUND THAT MOSCOW HAD CONSISTENTLY BEEN UNWILLING IN THE PAST TO COOPERATE WITH THE WEST ON ENERGY INITIATIVES. HE SAID THAT THE PAPER

TOOK A LESS NEGATIVE VIEW ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE PROPOSALS, SUGGESTING
THAT AS A MINIMUM THESE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY
STUDIED. HINTON

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